

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Midnight Sun Family Learning Center Library/Technology Upgrade

**State Funding Requested: \$ 7,500****House District: 15 - H**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Library/Technology Upgrades

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$7,500**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

These funds are needed to replace and repair damaged books and purchase new titles so that students have adequate research and literary materials for their education. In addition these funds are also needed to ensure that students have access to working and updated computers and technology for research and other educational purposes. Books have become worn and new titles are being printed and the library needs replace and expand its book collection. Likewise, as computer and electronics technologies are advancing current systems require upgrades and replacements to provide students the access to electronic databases and resources that they need for their education. As more and more information becomes available in electronic digital format it becomes increasingly important to educate students how to access and utilize these resources.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Midnight Sun Family Learning Center

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## Rep. Mark Neuman

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**From:** Kathryn Chapoton [Kathryn.Chapoton@matsuk12.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008 12:35 PM  
**To:** Rep. Mark Neuman  
**Subject:** Technology needs

Midnight Sun Primary classes are in the process of building a mobile computer lab to share among classes. We have made an initial purchase which secures us half of the lab system. We are requesting \$7500 toward completing the lab.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Chapoton



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### Teachers

Jolene Ballweber \* Nina Brady \* Kathy Chapoton \* Pam Darnell \* Hilary MacDonald \* Sue Olsen \* Jeanne Troshynski

March 3, 2008

Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Neuman,

This is to request funds from the Alaska State Legislature in the amount of \$7500 for safety and maintenance items for Midnight Sun Family Learning Center. One of the four focuses of our school is to maintain a safe learning environment for our students.

One of our major needs in our current safety plan is to install a generator at the school. This generator could provide backup energy for our students' and staff's safety in case of a major power out due to an earthquake. In addition, a benefit of having an on site generator would be to provide a method for our water system to work in case of a fire. The local fire department suggested that we consider installing a generator for this purpose.

If I can offer further input please feel free to contact me at 907.232.4616 or [Jeanne.Troshynski@matsuk12.us](mailto:Jeanne.Troshynski@matsuk12.us)

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

*Jeanne Troshynski*  
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*Kathryn Chapoton*  
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Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Neuman,

This is to request funds from the Alaska State Legislature in the amount of \$7500 for technology upgrades for Midnight Sun Family Learning Center. One of the four main focuses of our mission is to integrate technology in all aspects of the students' education. We are constantly seeking funding to upgrade the students' computers and classroom technology such as digital cameras and video cameras. One such example is a mobile laptop computer lab on a cart that can be shared by various classrooms.

Our students view technology as one of the important tools with which they can learn and communicate. In addition, our students appreciate the value of using computers to create, develop, and publish their writing.

If I can offer further input please feel free to contact me at 907.232.4616 or [Jeanne.Troshynski@matsuk12.us](mailto:Jeanne.Troshynski@matsuk12.us)

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